



U.S.-Barbados Partnership 2020

The United States of America works with Barbados to increase security, prosperity, and democracy in the Caribbean. A beneficiary of large regional programs like the FY20 US\$20 million Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) and small community-led grants, Barbados is a Caribbean leader and valued U.S. partner.



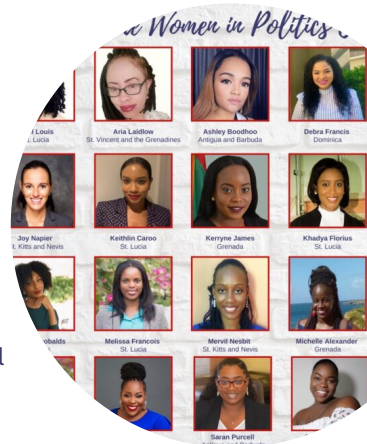
Security

- U.S. Southern Command virtually hosted the annual Caribbean National Security Conference for defense and public-security leaders to focus on regional mechanisms to mitigate the impact of disasters in a COVID-19 environment.
- The Ambassador inaugurated the Barbados Defence Force Field Hospital, created with US\$1.7 million in U.S. support and deployed as part of Barbados' COVID-19 response.
- The United States provided nearly \$800,000 in aviation and maritime spare parts for the RSS patrol aircraft and maritime training vessels.
- The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigations provided the Royal Barbados Police Force with up to date training on utilizing social media to advance investigations and respond to threats posted online.
- The Embassy hosted the first regional reunion for International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) alumni, including a workshop to advance best practices in policing, sentencing guidelines, and international cooperation. Alumni also gathered for focused discussions on evolving crime trends and solutions.
- Congratulations to Commander of the Barbados Coast Guard Mark Peterson for completing 10-months of intensive study and his graduation from the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, provided through the U.S. International Military Education and Training (IMET) program.



Prosperity

- The Embassy partnered with the Barbados Youth Business Trust and Barbados Investment and Development Corporation to organize the second Academy for Women Entrepreneurs, supporting 30 businesswomen with online education, mentorship, and networking opportunities.
- The U.S. Departments of State and Commerce launched a virtual seminar and networking series for U.S. companies and the Barbadian business community ahead of the planned 2022 U.S.-Caribbean Business Conference and regional Trade Mission.
- The Embassy awarded more than US\$60,000 in small grants to local Barbadian organizations to support entrepreneurship, journalism, filmmaking, and sport.
- The Embassy's inaugural Women in Politics Leadership Institute gathered 32 talented current and future political leaders from Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean to increase female participation in the political process. The program received outstanding support from Ambassador Elizabeth Thompson, the Hon. Ms. C. Sandra Husbands, MP, and others.



Health and Environment

- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided US\$400,000 for infection prevention, laboratory reagents, and improvements to data management at the Best-Dos Santos Laboratory and Harrison's Point Isolation Facility.
- U.S. Southern Command's donated US\$15,000 of critical personal protection equipment to fight COVID-19.
- The Government of Barbados started a US\$45 million Climate Adaptation Program of which US\$27 million was secured from the Green Climate Fund with support from USAID.
- USAID completed a US\$7 million flood resilience project in Holetown, providing relief to residents, businesses, and the many users of busy Highway 1.



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